

## Charlotte-Mecklenburg Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the school year has started successfully for all of you. As a parent/guardian of a student in *Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy*, I am writing this letter to let you know that *Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy*, has been designated as a Comprehensive Support & Improvement Low-Graduation Rate (CSI-LG) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(c)(4)(D) (i), North Carolina had to identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement. CSI-LG schools in North Carolina are high schools that have a 4-year cohort graduation rate of less than 66.7%. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a CSI-LG school, *Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy* is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor the progress of our school. The comprehensive plan will address the following areas:

- Classroom Management
- Standard-aligned Instruction Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) Instructional Leadership Recruitment & Retention of Effective Teachers Support for Grade-to-Grade Transitions
- Implementation of a Tiered Instructional System
- Data-Driven Decision Making Student Support Services
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for *Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy* this year:

- Instructional Core - All teachers will design unit and lesson plans that address the rigor of content standards and incorporate specially designed instructional strategies/tools to ensure all students are able to access and engage with grade level standards in meaningful ways.
- School Culture- Team CMA will embrace change as we work to learn and implement best practices to support the development of the whole child.
- Staff Culture- Team CMA will embrace our new core values and work to provide support to one another through the change process
- Family/Community Engagement- Team CMA will continue efforts to increase family engagement and to solidify community partners
- MTSS - We will move to operationalize or above on each measure of the FAM-S
- Professional Development - We will provide high quality job-embedded differentiated PD to all CMA team members aligned to the above school improvement goals.

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Our students need to experience higher achievement levels, but it will require hard work on the part of staff, students and families. Here are some strategies *Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy* will be implementing:

- . Read 180 program
- Orton Gillingham Reading intervention.
- LLI Reading program
- Small group sizes
- SEL strategies implemented into the classroom

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

. Make sure that both you and your students are aware of the academic expectations set for your student this school

year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).

- Call *Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy, 980-343- 0630* if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day. Monitor your student's homework. Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student's teacher(s). Keep track of our website and social media sites

Sounds like a lot but preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort.

We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your student.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Melissa Manikkam-Melton at [melissa.manikkam@cms.k12.nc.us](mailto:melissa.manikkam@cms.k12.nc.us) or 980-343-0630.

Sincerely,

Katherine Waters, Principal